**THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 11391 of 2007**

**DATE: 05-06-2007**

Between :

G.Nagavenkata Durga Prasad

… Petitioner

And

The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Machilipatnam, Krishna District and another.

… Respondents

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**ORDER:**

This writ petition is filed questioning the order passed by the first respondent–Revenue Divisional Officer, Malleswaram village, Krishna District, dated 29-03-2007, whereunder the authorization of the petitioner as fair price shop dealer of Malleswaram village, Bantumilli Mandal, was suspended pending enquiry into certain alleged irregularities in distribution of the essential commodities.

Though various grounds have been raised by the petitioner questioning the impugned order, I am not inclined to express any opinion on merits, since an enquiry is pending before the first respondent, who is the competent authority under the statute. It is submitted by the petitioner that an enquiry under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act, is also pending against him.

In the circumstances, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the first respondent-Revenue Divisional Officer to complete the enquiry initiated against the petitioner and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that in case no charges have yet been framed against the petitioner, the first respondent shall take appropriate steps within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and thereafter consider the explanation, if any, submitted by the petitioner and the enquiry shall be completed and appropriate orders be passed within the time fixed above. No costs.

G. ROHINI, J.

Date:05-06-2007
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